

Fremont Conservation Commission Minutes of March 02, 2009

Approved March 16, 2009

Present: Chairman John (Jack) Karcz, Members Janice O'Brien, Bill Knee and Pat deBeer and Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Chrm. Karcz opened the meeting at 7:42 pm.

MINUTES

Mbr. deBeer made the motion to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote except for Mbr. Knee who abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Mbr. deBeer made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

Mbr. deBeer made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2009 non-public meeting. The motion was seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

Mbr. deBeer made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mbr. Knee with unanimous favorable vote.

At 7:58 pm Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to enter into non-public session, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (d), to discuss possible consideration of acquisition of real property.

Mbr. deBeer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved 4-0.

At 8:45 pm Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Mbr. deBeer and unanimously approved 4-0.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion that, pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 III, in as much as divulgence of the information presented likely would affect adversely the action here enclosed and render it ineffective, the minutes of the non-public session held at tonight's meeting be sealed until such time as, in the opinion of a majority of the Members of the Fremont Conservation Commission, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

The motion was seconded by Mbr. deBeer and unanimously approved 4-0.

LAND USE CONSERVATION PLAN

Chrm. Karcz reported that Mbr. deBeer brought to his attention that the Hammond property is located in the Upper Exeter River Conservation Focus Area which is one of the two conservation areas identified in "The Land Conservation Plan for NH's Coastal Watersheds Plan" as conservation priorities in Fremont. This plan was included in the 2008 update of the Natural Resource Inventory chapter of the Master Plan. Chrm. Karcz noted that the Planning Board has just received a grant for the creation of an Open Space Plan.

OAK RIDGE

Chrm. Karcz reported that Mrs. Bolduc signed and accepted delivery of a February 3, 2009 survey contract from Tom Brouillette for survey of the Oak Ridge parcels (Map 4 Lots, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16) to LCHIP standards for a total estimate of \$13,900.

The contract listed as services to be provided included:

- deed research
- field reconnaissance
- cut line, flag lines, set up traverse
- traverse and side shot locations
- computer calculations
- drafting of final plan on mylar for recording
- setting of lot corners, iron rods with identification washer or plastic cap, with building of stonepiles. Also drill holes in walls and found stone bounds
- blazing and painting red of boundary line trees and flagging (orange) of perimeter

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion that Chrm. Karcz sign the contract. Motion seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

ERLAC

Natural Resource Publication

Mbr. deBeer showed a draft of a natural resources publication completed for Sandown with a grant from Piscataqua Regional Estuaries Partnership (PREP) (formerly NHEP) that was shown at the last ERLAC meeting. It was noted that this is how the Brentwood Natural Resources publication also got completed. Mbr. deBeer asked the Members if they thought Fremont might be interested in applying for a grant for a similar publication. The Members agreed that Mbr. deBeer pursue this with David Kellum of the (PREP).

Conservation Priorities Document

Mbr. deBeer showed the "Conservation Priorities" document that ERLAC would like Towns to complete in order to compete for "shovel ready" grant money. It has been suggested to complete it using as much information as possible, including parcel numbers if possible. Land owners may remain anonymous. This prompted a conversation relative to listing the properties that the Open Space

Committee has evaluated and the Conservation Commission has already pursued. Mbr. O'Brien agreed to gather the information for Mbr. deBeer to submit to ERLAC.

Vernal Pool Workshop

Mbr. deBeer reported that ERLAC has said they would like to hold the Vernal Pool Workshop in Fremont again this year, possibly at the Cordes property where it was held the last time Fremont hosted this workshop in May, 2007. Mbr. Knee mentioned that Charlie Moreno had reported finding many vernal pools in the Glen Oakes Town Forest and felt that it would be nice to use Town property for the workshop.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Commission received an account balance sheet from Town Treasurer Kimberly Dunbar for the date ending January 31, 2009. The residual account showed the \$850 deposit for the Environmental Community Grant and interest was shown in all accounts.

WORKSHOP

Mbr. deBeer reported that she would like to attend the upcoming annual DES Source Water Workshop. The registration cost is \$25.00. The Members agreed that she should attend.

MAP HOLDER

There was a conversation relative to purchasing a map holder for the NRI and other large maps. Chrm. Karcz said that the maps are now rolled and housed in the Land Use Office. A holder would protect them and allow them to be more readily accessible.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to authorize up to \$1,000 from the CC residual fund for the purchase of a map holder. Mbr. deBeer seconded the motion with unanimous favorable vote.

After the vote Mbr. Knee requested that the Commission look into the map holders and come back & make a recommendation to the whole board. The Members agreed to do so.

OAK RIDGE

Mbr. DeBeer showed a very impressive digital map of the Town Forest trails that she has been working on. When she is finished she will show it to the Selectmen for their approval to include it on Conservation Commission page of the Town web site. She said that she could add a link to Oak Ridge that can be brought up for viewing.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Received: Notice of the NH OEP Annual Spring Planning & Zoning Conference scheduled for Saturday May 2, 2009. There are no packets this year, but the conference information and registrations will be available online beginning March 2, 2009. Mrs. Bolduc said that she will forward the information to the Board Members and requested that anyone who wants to attend register through the Land Use Office so she can remit one payment for all.
- 2. Received: Notice of the Saving Special Places Annual conference scheduled for Saturday April 4, 2009. Again, Mrs. Bolduc requested that anyone who wants to attend register through the

Land Use Office so she can remit one payment for all.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm. Motion seconded by Mbr. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

Meredith Bolduc,

Recording Secretary